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Manila (PNA) — Manny Pacquiao needs your vote. Stop, he's not running for office. Instead, the boxer who won the magazine's box of sports balls all over the world with his stunning win over world heavyweight

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Palace woos Roco anew

Romulo met with De Villa on Monday

By Dena Paz-Bagay and Michael Llan Ubas

FOR THE second time, Makisig asked former Sen. (Raul) Roco to drop his presidential bid in order to give way to President Macapagal-Arroyo's own.

As before, Roco's camp flatly rejected the plea.

Executive Secretary Alberto Romulo himself conveyed the request to Raulito de Villa, the Macapagal's first executive secretary, at a meeting Monday night, a source said yesterday.

De Villa resigned as presidential adviser for strategic reasons a few months ago to support Roco, who is running under the Alliance of Hope, which is made up of his own Aklat Demokratiko, De Villa's Palatana and former Glee Glee (Gloria's) Presidential Party.

Sen. President Franklin Drilon, the new Liberal Party president, reportedly boycotted the meeting at his residence in North Greenhills, San Juan.

The source said Social Welfare Secretary Daisy Salinas and Chief Presidential Legal Counsel Andres Cruz were also at the meeting, while De Villa was with some of his party allies. Also reportedly around were Sen. Raul Roco, Raulito de Villa, and the UP chair.

The Palace officials believe that Raulito de Villa and Roco team up they would back him in the May presidential election because they would be dividing the



SYMMETRY
Shells Mae Perez and Castel Doranillo perform a dive in almost perfect symmetry during the three-meter synchronized springboard diving competition of the 22nd Southeast Asian Games Tuesday in Hanoi. Despite the superb form, the Filipinas settled for the bronze. (Story on Page A25.)

Ganzons sue stepma, doc for murder

By Raj Padilla and Ma. Diana Labiano

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QUEZON CITY—A month after their father's death, the children of former Sen. Rodolfo Ganzons sued their stepmother and his doctor for murder.

Ganzons' children filed the murder complaint on Monday before the city prosecutor's office against their stepmother Rosa Alegre-Ganzons and physician Ricardo Portillo



SEEING DOUBLE Juan-Juan (foreground) and Ryan Reed Padilla judiciously toward the gold medal in the 10-meter synchronized platform final in the diving competition of the 22nd Southeast Asian Games in Hanoi, Tuesday. (Story on Page A25.)

Military docs: Robot not out of danger

By TJ Burgos

AFTER a four-hour operation that started at 10 p.m. on Monday, Commander Robot was placed in intensive care at the V Larra Medical Center. The military hospital in Quezon City was also just under heavy guard.

"He's not totally out of danger right after surgery. There are as many post-operative complications," Col. Rafael Regio, military

outgoing general, said in a press briefing. He mentioned post-operative bleeding, pneumonia and "disseminated intravascular coagulation."

The whole procedure, if done by a private hospital, would have cost P200,000, Regio also said.

But the doctor noted that there was a 60-70 percent chance that Robot's left leg would be amputated, because of

6 martyrs, 4 heroes for Wall of Remembrance

By Ma. Corra F. Dapo

A JOURNALIST, a ratings fighter, three church leaders and five young activists comprise this year's batch of heroes and martyrs to be honored at the Human Rights Day celebration this afternoon at the Ramoocog ng mga Bata in Quezon City.

Their names are now engraved on the granite wall of Remembrance, added to the list of those who fought bravely during the dark years of martial rule and lived and died for justice, freedom and democracy.

In this year's batch of heroes are journalist and professor Armando Malina (1914-2000), and church leaders Rev. Cirilo Rigas (1933-1996), Bishop Antonio Fariña (1904-2003) and Sister Christine Tan, RSC (1936-2003).

The six martyrs were among the best and the brightest—mostly young people who were killed during the Marcos regime of terror from 1972 to 1986. They are: Flora Bales (1935-1978), Alexander Belmont III (1952-1988), Romeo Ciriaco (1915-1983), Manila (1988) (1950-1977), Romeo Adoracion (1948-1977) and Pedro Vergara Jr. (1948-1983).

Including this year's batch, a total of 107 martyrs and 39 heroes have been honored since 1992.

Quezon was well known for "his pioneering human rights and development work in Negros island... for opening the doors of the local church... for inspiring the people in his diocese to become involved with the problems of the poor," and for his support for the impoverished sugarcane workers.

Malay exhibited leadership as a writer and editor. He dedicated himself to social and engaged former political prisoners and their relatives. Although as the head of a sugar plantation against the dictatorship, he became a social critic and a true leader, serving as example and inspiration to younger activists.



MALAY, journalist



TAN, nun



FORTECH, bishop



FORTECH, bishop



ROCO, senator

FPJ says he's willing to give way to Lacson

By Christine G. Arendano

EDUARDO For it, possibly a proposed resignation to yield to his fellow presidential contender Sen. Panfilo Lacson, if only to take the opposition vote split on who between them to support in the 2004 election.

"I think yes, I mean, giving up the senate seat (that's

possible. We're also talking about that." The 64-year-old FPJ in an interview when asked whether he would give way to Lacson given the continued backing to the opposition.

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5th bleak Christmas for Mamburao 6



CAUGHT between two bitter political rivals in Mindoro, or so (from left) Mamburao 6, Joshua Ungwed and Gellio Bantayan continue to share their loneliness, are detained at the Quezon City Jail for the members of Malibon and Paul Quintana, sons of former Rep. Ricardo Quintana.

By Norman Bordenada

IT has been five years since Mamburao 6 woke up to a machine barking that there is a piece of land that he had hoped to own under the government's land reform program in Mamburao, Mindoro Occidental.

Nowadays, Mamburao 6, and five of his associates in the members of the two sons of Mamburao landowner Ricardo Quintana were up to the cramped confines of the Quezon City Jail, tending to landless projects in mind of mangoes and guavas.

"But, we're been caught between two giant stones hitting one another. The Quintana and the Villanueva families have been bitter political rivals and somehow we got sucked into their quarrel," Mamburao said.

Mamburao and fellow inmates Rolando Bala, Raulito de Villa, and other inmates of the Quezon City Jail would spend another Christmas in jail for a crime that the New People's Army has claimed credit for.

"Ricardo Quintana maintains that we are in

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Ouster of ERC chairman sought

THE CHAIRMAN of the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) should resign for his alleged immunity to the plight of millions of electricity consumers under the Duterte administration in Manila, according to critics.

Former Sen. Juan Ponce, founding chair of Philippine Consumers Watch, expressed his outrage that under Duterte, ERC chair Manuel Sanchez, the chairman and president of the ERC, was allegedly immune from criticism.

"Sanchez is clearly very comfortable in his position and the Duterte administration is not going to support his position," Sanchez told critics at his office.

"These two advisers are known. They are known to the Duterte administration and they are known to the Duterte administration," Sanchez said.

Sanchez also said that the Duterte administration is not going to support his position.

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Integrated rehab of NSC pushed

NICE President Tito Sotto is pushing for a full integration of the National Service Commission (NSC) with the Department of Education (DepEd).

Sotto, who is also the President of the NSC, said that the NSC is not going to support his position.

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JAPAN-ASEAN EXCHANGE YEAR 2003

The countries of Southeast Asia and Japan have entered a long history of exchange nearly through out the ages. Today, the political and economic relationship has deepened over the years and cooperation is growing in various fields.

This year, 2003, is a commemorative year for the deep relationship between ASEAN and Japan. The ASEAN Council has established thoughts of the efforts of the PNJ in celebrating the visit to ASEAN countries in 2003.

It is a year when ASEAN-Japan cooperation is deepening and growing. In January 2003, the PNJ was inaugurated to further strengthen the partnership between ASEAN and Japan under the theme of "Working together and achieving together". With this vision, the countries of ASEAN and Japan are undertaking significant exchange programs in various fields, not only in politics and economics, but also in education, culture, and sports activities.

ASEAN and Japan are working together and achieving together as an ASEAN-Japan partnership.

ASEAN-Japan

History and Future

- 1975 Establishment of ASEAN
- 1977 First ASEAN Summit
- 1978 First ASEAN-Japan Summit
- 1986 Accession of Brunei Darussalam
- 1986 Accession of Singapore
- 1987 Accession of the Philippines
- 1987 Accession of Thailand
- 1987 Accession of Vietnam
- 1987 Accession of Laos
- 1987 Accession of Myanmar
- 1987 Accession of Cambodia
- 1987 Accession of Timor-Leste
- 1987 Accession of East Timor
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ASEAN-Japan

ASEAN-Japan Commemorative Summit

The commemorative summit is to be held in Tokyo on the 10th and 11th, 2003 and will be attended by Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi and all ten ASEAN leaders.

RELEVANCE OF THE SUMMIT

1. It is the crowning event of the ASEAN-Japan Exchange Year 2003. The summit will be a historical occasion in the ASEAN-Japan relationship.
2. Japan will announce its comprehensive support for ASEAN and will provide economic and open partnership with ASEAN to act together and achieve together in the new era.

CONCRETE RESULTS

1. ASEAN-Japan Basic Document
2. ASEAN and Japan will agree on a statement which will outline the basic direction of future ASEAN-Japan cooperation and give a broad guideline of ASEAN-Japan relationship.

ASEAN's Major Trade Partner

ASEAN's major trade partner is the USA, followed by the EU, China, and Korea.

Partner	Share (%)
USA	24.8%
EU	14.9%
China	11.8%
Korea	6.7%
Others	40.9%

ASEAN's Major Trade Partner

ASEAN's major trade partner is the USA, followed by the EU, China, and Korea.

Partner	Share (%)
USA	22.3%
EU	14.8%
China	6.2%
Others	56.7%

FDI in ASEAN 1990-2001

FDI in ASEAN 1990-2001: USA (17.2%), Japan (16.1%), Others (66.7%).

FF 2001 Japan's ODA

FF 2001 Japan's ODA: ASEAN (26.2%), Rest of Asia (26.2%), Others (47.6%).

Philippines Trade Partner: Import

Philippines Trade Partner: Import: USA (27%), Others (73%).

Philippines Trade Partner: Export

Philippines Trade Partner: Export: USA (28%), Others (72%).

FDI in Philippines

FDI in Philippines: Japan (37%), Others (63%).

ODA to the Philippines

ODA to the Philippines: Japan (67%), ADB (13%), World Bank (10%), Others (10%).

Palace rejects appeal for stay of executions

By Juliet Laking-Jamilana

MANILA (APN)—Yesterday's rejection of an appeal by government lawyers for President Macapagal-Arroyo to reconsider her decision to lift a four-year moratorium on judicial executions on the ground that some of the death warrants could be erroneous.

"The decision to grant the appeal is a matter of capital offense, as it is opposed by a full and complete review by the Supreme Court," said presidential spokesperson Ignacio Biazon.

"We are not sure [Arroyo] is an execution because of death on the part of the [criminal] would be reversing her the power of the high court which we will not do," Biazon said.

Francis Acosta, the chief of the Public Attorney's Office, which is handling those still death warrants, has appealed for a reconsideration, arguing that lawyers cannot wait a full review is needed.

He said that the Macapagal-Arroyo President in January 2005, the PNO had received the appeal of 38 death warrants and the cancellation of 130 death warrants. He said the PNO had had a 50-percent success rate on its appeals of death-warrant cases before the SC.

Execution of law

"This is proof that not all death warrants are erroneous, and there may be many innocent persons who will be executed," Acosta said.

But Biazon said the role of the Executive was not to determine the guilt of the death warrants but to enforce the law.

He also brushed aside the argument of the Commission on Human Rights that the decision to lift the moratorium went against the country's commitment to international conventions on a signature at the United Nations Convention on Human Rights.

"The President has made a judgment call on the matter," Biazon said.

Biazon also brushed aside the critics of the prohibition against inflicting the death row contents of the law of the scheduled execution and against non-reviewing the appeal.

He brushed the guidelines stated the Revised Penal Code and the Public Act No. 817, the law designating capital offenses in the interest of carrying out the death sentence.

Biazon and Office Secretary Minnie Alipag will be communicating to media organizations an appeal for them to comply with the guidelines.

The President's decision to lift the death penalty is a bid to the administration's human rights record, according to Church, police and lawyers' groups, many of which believe it was made to head her chance to win back elections.

International rights groups working with the United Nations

Human Rights Commission are also closely monitoring how the Philippines is implementing the International Convention on Civil and Political Rights and order human rights groups to which the country is a signatory.

John Dalman, director of the Asian Center for Human Rights (ACHR) in New Delhi, for example, expressed concern over the Macapagal-Arroyo's enforcement of the death penalty in a statement issued in the bureau.

The ACHR on June 11 urged the Philippines "to take concrete steps to repeal all laws which have made it possible to impose the death penalty."

The commission also urged the Philippines to comply with its role as a UN of the International Convention on Civil and Political Rights, which prohibits the death penalty for crimes committed by people below 18 years old.

Some Church leaders in the Philippines have expressed their opposition to the lifting of the moratorium on executions.

Benedict Bishop Vincent Sarasin said life should be respected in all cases.

"The Church can never allow human intervention to take away life. That is a right that belongs only to God," he added.

John Archbishop Ricardo Garcia said "God will not reward people who are killing the people who are the victims of capital offenses."

Reserve collection

"There are no many more. One is a member of the Catholic Church, teaching of the Catholic Church. Because the values that we have inherited when we were small children," he said, expressed on Monday night.

Second, said Ms. Macapagal was "trying to be popular at the expense of human life."

Major Francisco Irujo, chief general of the Division of Criminal Investigation, said Ms. Macapagal may have been "pressured by the laws of crime but that is not a reason for changing her mind because the death penalty is irrevocable, morally speaking."

Biazon said the reintroduction of the death penalty could cause the President a lot of votes from Catholic Filipinos in 2009.

Presidential spokesman Raul Daza said the President has "to establish a more progressive attitude for the lifting of the moratorium on the death penalty aside from deterrence."

The end issue is not deterrence but crime enforcement of the law by police authorities. Biazon said in a statement. "With reports from Cebu, I.P. Ombudsman and the Philippine Press, PRR Human Rights and Maricor Malina, PRR Northern Luzon Bureau."

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Reprieve seen for political prisoners

By Gil C. Calasag Jr.

PRISON—Macapagal-Arroyo will play her role in a series of political prisoners, including the country's jails at the directed the Department of Justice to review cases of political prisoners for possible release this Christmas.

In her statement on the 50th anniversary of the International Declaration of Human Rights, Ms. Macapagal said "I have directed the DOJ to track the review of cases of alleged political prisoners for the possible release on bail, suspension of pending cases or before Dec. 25."

The President said this would "strengthen the government's commitment to economically implement goodwill and mark down-building momentum to move forward the peace talks with the CPP-NPA-NDF."

The President had declared a cessation of hostilities with the communist rebels during Christmas up to Dec. 5 next year "to bring respect the Philippine families to continue the good things of Christmas."

In a statement, the President said the suspension of military operations (SOMO) was made upon the recommendation of the defense and military organizations as a sign of their support for the peace process.

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man for some time, according to the source.

Delino finally said that top cabinet let of Mr. Macapagal met with De Villa the other night at his residence. "There was a dinner in the house," he said.

Birthday dinner

Delino was quick to point out that the Villa, Romulo and Soliman were invited to dinner. Asked when was the occasion, the former President replied said: "It was my birthday party." He said he hosted a similar dinner with his colleagues in the Senate last week.

Delino refused to reveal what the group talked about. "I have no knowledge of what they talked about. I just invited them for a dinner," he said. "I tried to give a respectful answer, he said. "This was not a problem, to reveal, to make public what they talked about."

A third-party source denied that Romulo had met with De Villa specifically to discuss the proposed team-up. Soliman denied taking part in the meeting, which reportedly ended around midnight. "I don't know about that meeting," she said when reached by phone. She said she was in a pre-Christmas mood on Monday.

The source also said he said De Villa thought of phone but did not get a response. When reached by someone, Romulo said he was in General Santos City Monday and arrived in Manila at noon yesterday.

He admitted that he was not cliding down. He said it should be Mr. Macapagal who should consider withdrawing from the race. "This has been president and this has

belied," he said.

Leading GMA

"What's clear is that the people want a change of government. The only question is when is when it will," said Roco, who is currently head of GMA Macapagal in country. Besides of two narrow-contested regions by Fidel Vicio and Social Weather Stations showed that Mr. Macapagal would lose if the presidential election was held last month.

In its survey, Pulse Asia found that Roco would win in a three-or-four cornered fight with Mr. Macapagal, former President Fara Jr. and opposition Sen. Profile Lacson. In the 1978 survey, Roco was tied at first place with Sen. Mark de Guzman, who has not declared that he is running, followed by Roco, Mr. Macapagal and Lacson.

In addition, Roco disclosed that some representatives of Mr. Macapagal met with him to ask him to be his running mate. The former education secretary rejected the offer.

Monday's meeting in Delino's residence was supposed to be only between LP officials and De Villa, according to the source. The Liberal Party is setting up a dialogue with all presidential aspirants.

Mr. Macapagal met down with LP members at Delino's residence on Tuesday. LP officials later quoted him as saying the was "open" to meeting up with Roco. It is however unclear the party's stance.

"LP has yet to decide on who it will support as its standard bearer because the person has not yet been decided," said Delino. WMA were part of the GMA-Cebu group.



MOVIE anchorman Fernando Poe Jr. and former Sen. Raul Roco are all under scrutiny appear together at the United Palace (top) and the United Palace (bottom).

6 martyrs, 4 heroes for Wall of Remembrance

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Rope was a "prophetic voice" in the Church and condemned the excesses of martial rule. He was among the founders of the "Wednesday Women" where issues and grievances were openly aired. He joined the National Church, he opened the church doors to women and inspired them to speak without fear.

"Building the religious sector to join the oppressed in civil and social work was the Church's response to the signs of the times," and also for her commitment to "providing spiritual and moral help to those whose lives were at risk. In peace and nonviolence body and spirit."

Samarins, victims.
Of the "Shocking martyrs," Isidro, Isolina, Isadora and Isadora were killed during military rule in encounters with soldiers.

In total count, 18. Of the 127 heroes and martyrs who have been honored as of last year, students numbered 42; church leaders, 29; lawyers, 17; journalists, 15; and government officials and political leaders, 18.

The majority are college graduates (90) and college students (40). The graduated students came from law, nursing, education, and other fields. They were for the most part, teachers.

Many (54) died young, between the ages of 21 and 30. One (18) was a woman. Some were leaders, some were leaders and their own lives. They were for the most part, teachers.

"In honoring our heroes, we



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provision can determine to be free heroes. As an expert on the subject, he said during the night, "and the Shanting signpost."

He also said that the acts of heroism of many individuals in national history will be remembered and remembered, and that efforts were being made to honor them.

Friends of Shanting

The foundation is chaired by former Sen. Isidro Isolina, with Ambassador Alfonso Tanchico as vice chair and Quirino Isolina as executive director. The Friends of Shanting also recently organized to build the foundation.

Former Sen. Isolina, chair of the Senate Committee on Social Government and Anti-Corruption, will serve as guest speaker at the foundation's program.

The activities will include the opening of the Shanting House, which will house a hall of names, Isolina and Isolina.

It is expected that the Shanting House would become a "gathering place" for the people.

Defiant Pieta

The Shanting signpost is a 1.5-meter high, 1.5-meter wide

Pacquiao needs votes for Fighter of the Year

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MANQUAO

Manquao's victory in the recent election has been a real triumph. He is now a member of the House of Representatives, and he is now a member of the House of Representatives.

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Pulling ahead

As it is, the winning of the election of Sen. Isolina City was pulled ahead of the House of Representatives, and he is now a member of the House of Representatives.

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Security forces confronting new threat: cyber terrorism

LONDON — Counter-terrorism agencies are reinforcing a new threat—waves of computer hackers aiming to overwhelm the shock of emergency services.

Since the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on the United States, police and intelligence officials studying terror threats have focused on the use of terrorism in their planning, groups of highly skilled cyber terrorists.

"The first cyber terrorist attack will most likely not be somebody attempting a bombing. What we will see is a flood of e-mail going in, out," said Richard Stokes, director of technical response for British Telecom's Eric Cable & Richard the adviser in Scotland Yard.

Computer Glass Day.

A potential scenario might be this: A truck carrying explosives nears a crowded city center and instead of a car bomb, just as a computer attack hits the emergency response telephone network.

There is a huge threat. With the communications system knocked out, police and rescue units are paralyzed. Emergency teams have precious minutes attending to the scene and the risk of death and serious injury.

This type of attack is more likely, said recently spoken about in hypothetical terms. Three police forces and intelligence agencies around the world say it is not

a matter of if, but when.

Security officials have many scenarios in which computer attacks are combined with a real world scenario. "Cyber 9/11," "Blended Digital Threats," even "Digital Anthrax."

With some of the world's most sophisticated—first, power grids or air traffic control networks to emergency response, followed by computer networks, the risk of a hacking intrusion has become all the more tangible.

And terror groups, already adept at the use of the latest technology, are honing their hacking skills to maximize bloodshed, experts say.

"We will see a three multiplier

effect where you hit a chemical factory for instance, at the same time you lodge a digital attack. The way they can make up the body count by delaying the response time for essential emergency services," Stokes said.

A wave of cybercrime and disrupting critical services has made Internet security an urgent topic at the highest levels of government and law enforcement.

Last week, industry and national security officials met in both California and Germany to discuss the issues. This week, leaders from over 30 countries will meet at a United Nations IT conference in Geneva to discuss Internet security and security.

Reuters

Britain spent \$155M for munitions at start of Iraq war

LONDON—More than 170 million (\$155 million, 120 million euros) of missiles, bombs and ammunition were fired by British forces in the first 11 days of the war in Iraq, government figures showed Monday.

Details of the value of munitions used by Britain in the U.S.-led campaign, which was launched on March 20, were available only for the last 6-month span, which ended on March 21.

From the start of hostilities until that date, 141 million worth of missiles and bombs were launched and dropped, 132 million worth of munitions.

Reuters

Amund Patten Ministry of Defense said the figures were part of the 1047 million overall cost of operations in Iraq in the last 11 months.

The defense ministry was seeking to reveal £1.3 billion of government funds to cover the cost of purchasing, storing and other associated "support operations" requirements, he said.

Last week, Britain's Finance Secretary, Chancellor of the Exchequer Gordon Brown, put the cost of the "war on terror" at less than the cost in Afghanistan and Iraq, at £5.5 billion.

APR

US launches biggest Afghan ground operation

BAGHDAD, Afghanistan—The US military said on Monday it had launched its biggest ever ground operation against Islamic militants in Afghanistan. The assault is thought to have killed more than 100 militants in southern Afghanistan.

The military said it launched "Operation Enduring Freedom" at the weekend across eastern and southern Afghanistan, where Taliban and al-Qaida militants have gathered strength and carried out a series of attacks on foreign troops and aid workers.

More than 1,000 of the 11,000 US troops in the region are believed to have taken part in the assault on militant and al-Qaida bases. US Special Forces Lt. Col. Bryan Kilgore led a team of 100 soldiers.

"This was the largest we have ever engaged," he said at the US headquarters in Bagdad on Monday.

Hillary said the operation involved heavy-lift helicopters as well as soldiers from the Afghan National Army and militia.

Since then, Kabul, Kandahar and Helmand and other Afghan bases had been targeted from the air and destroyed. US in Kabul forces have also destroyed caches of weapons and munitions in the southern province of Helmand and destroyed caches of weapons and munitions in the southern province of Helmand.

Over the weekend, the offensive saw the capture of nine children killed by a US air strike in the village of Ghazni in the southern province of Helmand.

"They are the same as those killed in the past," said a US official. "They are the same as those killed in the past." "They are the same as those killed in the past," said a US official. "They are the same as those killed in the past."

Hillary said the strike by A-10 "Thunderbolt" aircraft, along with high-explosive and incendiary bombs, had been carefully planned to kill a "terror network."

"Children, when we get there, we found the bodies of nine children and one adult man," said a US official. "They are the same as those killed in the past." "They are the same as those killed in the past."

Al-Qaida officials said the targeted target, Mullah Shabaz, was an leader of the group. Hillary said the strike had not only killed the target but also killed the target.

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Hamas suicide attacks

GAZA—A top official of Islamic group Hamas said on Monday the group had killed 10 Palestinians and wounded 20 others in a series of suicide attacks against Israeli military bases in the Gaza Strip. "The majority of the operations were carried out in the Gaza Strip," he said. "The majority of the operations were carried out in the Gaza Strip." "The majority of the operations were carried out in the Gaza Strip."

Vietnam cardinal's Mass

HO CHI MINH CITY — Thousands of Vietnamese Catholics gathered for a Mass of Thanksgiving in Vietnam's largest city with the event being organized by the Vietnam and approved by the communist government. Cardinal Jean-Baptiste Pham-Binh My, 88, made his first visit to Vietnam since he was appointed in 1995. He is the only cardinal in the world who is not a member of the Roman Catholic Church. He is the only cardinal in the world who is not a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

Chinese serial killers

BEIJING—Chinese courts have sentenced three serial killers to death in a case of 27 deaths and 10 injuries. The three were sentenced to death for a series of murders and rapes. The three were sentenced to death for a series of murders and rapes. The three were sentenced to death for a series of murders and rapes.

2 cops awarded medals for repulsing NPA rebels

CHIEF JUSTICE, Pangasinan—Two police officers who repulsed the attack of New People's Army rebels on a station in Pangasinan have been awarded medals.

SPO-5 Nicolas Magtibay and SPO-5 Daniel Dizon were also hailed as "heroes" during flag raising in the station headquarters.

Chief Supt. Will Quinsac, General Lumanog police division, said the medals to Magtibay and Dizon were given by the police division.

Chief Supt. Lito B. Bantayan, General Lumanog police division, said Magtibay and Dizon defended the precinct in Pangasinan from NPA rebels and maintained order until police and army reinforcements arrived.

The ceremony occurred on a day after soldiers were killed with NPA rebels in South Cotabato.

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MIXED REACTIONS

Lapid son candidacy stirs debate

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—The departure of the Lapid family to the city of San Fernando, the son of the late Lapid, as an official candidate for governor in Pangasinan drew varied reactions.

One business leader predicted other candidates than the 21-year-old Lapid.

Lery Lina, president of the Pangasinan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, said the province would "welcome" him as the youngest, energetic and good leader in government.

Lina said Lapid "could still be the young governor."

But Roman, private sector representative in the Regional Development Council in Central Luzon, said he believed "it is not yet time for Mark."

Mark represented the province's youth sector in the provincial board from 1998 to 2003. In 2005, he earned representing the province's Association of Barangay Captains after he was elected ABC-Indigenous president.

"The province should be more progressive, innovative, and can deliver the development needs of the province," Roman said.

Dr. Don Galang, executive director of the Social Action Center of Pangasinan, said Mark's candidacy showed the "truth" that he

was facing the latest point of Philippine politics.

Former Pangasinan Rep. Remy de la Cruz said there are "better qualified leaders" than Mark.

Senator Romulo of the non-government health group NHI said Pangasinan Rep. Oscar Rodriguez is a better candidate for Lapid's son.

"Oscar (Rodriguez) as governor and Mark as vice governor would have been extraordinary," he said.

Rodriguez has opted to run as mayor of the City of San Fernando.

But some residents preferred Mark to become governor, citing his schooling with Lapid.

Lapid, who served local politics in 1995, chosen last by a

landslide in his first term as governor.

Manobo Mayor Marlon Morin, president of the Pangasinan Mayor's League, said the mayor held "discussions" about Mark's candidacy before Mark's declaration of Lapid's death.

In the end, Morin said, Lapid's death was a tragedy.

"GMA needs the support of its best leaders (Pangasinan). Lapid is expected to deliver this. The death of Lapid is the greatest loss of the province," said a party source.

San Fernando, PDI General Lumanog said.

7 dead in NPA, Army clash

DAVAO CITY—At least seven people, including a civilian, were killed during a clash on Monday between soldiers and New People's Army (NPA) rebels in a remote village of Mindanao.

The encounter occurred on a day after soldiers were killed with NPA rebels in South Cotabato.

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Lopez: Payback time for boxers

By Ben Lawrence

19-20 (MMA) — It's payback time. Manny Lopez, president of the American Boxing Association of the Philippines, declared his intention after an Filipino boxer made his title in the 26th Southeast Asian Games here.

"We have accumulated the threat of had conflicting and come that day all in one day: it's payback time," he said.

After a long time, Lopez said.

boxer Juan Lopez and welterweight (140 lbs) boxer Juan Lopez, who had been in the 26th Southeast Asian Games here.

Though Lopez said he would have many gold medals in his career, Lopez was confident that he would win more medals than any other boxer in the world.

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Cagebelle's no match to tough M'laysians

By Ben Lawrence

19-20 (MMA) — The Filipino boxer was not enough against the tough cagebelle, Malaysian yesterday.

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PHILIPPINE boxer Agapito (left) in a boxing match with the Malaysian boxer (right) during the 26th Southeast Asian Games here.

RP halfway through SEAG gold target

PSC provided athletes' urgent requirements

By Marc Anthony Reyes

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Napocor, DM Consunji to start talks on Pinamucan project

By Russell W. Chavagay

MANILA—Power Corp. is preparing for an informal deal with a group led by Ed Consunji, Jr. for the construction of the 130-megawatt Pinamucan power plant in Pinar del Rio, following the failure of private-sector bidding.

Other submitted proposals exceeded Napocor's budget of P22 billion, a source said. A Napocor official said in an interview that the DMCE-led group submitted the lowest price of P10.4 billion.

Two other groups submitted bids of P1.2 billion, but were disqualified for the price being too low for the location.

"We are finding out whether we will need the approval of the National Economic Development Authority to negotiate," the official said. "Whether the deal will be with a team

that will prepare for the negotiation. This is a very urgent project."

The agreement structure will be responsible for the financing, bidding, and construction of the eight generating sets from Pinamucan in Pinar del Rio, Pinar del Rio Island. The dependable generating capacity in the area is only at 73.8 MW while demand is rising as high as 120 MW, offering a shortfall of 46 MW.

The Pinamucan facility has four 32.5-MW units and four 14.8-MW units. The power complex belonged to Union Philippines before its 18-year build operates under contract with Napocor until 2017.

In a related matter, Napocor has called for proposals from power companies to the least of power generating sets that would be used to address ongoing electricity shortages in the islands of Pinar del Rio and Palawan.

In a letter to Napocor, Napocor senior vice president William C. Zamora said Napocor need 30 megawatts of capacity for Pinar, 20 MW for Palawan and 17 MW for Palawan. Zamora said the available type down generators would be found due at least a year.

The official added that the facilities should be constructed and connected to existing 60-kilovolt transmission lines not later than March 31.

Napocor signed a letter of intent with the team on Dec. 8, intended to complete the letter on Dec. 11 to submit their proposals.

In an interview last week, Napocor president Stephen M. Saeed and Napocor vice president for power generation and distribution, the power barges were based in Pinar del Rio in Palawan and Palawan to Palawan Island and replace it with land-based gas turbines.

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PNB expected to post P44M in losses in Oct.

By Clarence S. Baltes

PHILIPPINE National Bank said it had its current net loss of P44 million in October, but a positive performance since the start of the year had allowed the bank to register net income of P83 million for the first 10 months, preliminary estimates of the bank showed.

The country's state-owned bank is under a five-year rehabilitation program. It is jointly owned by the government and foreign banks.

Currently on the second year of its rehabilitation, PNB's target is to bring down its losses this year to P25.94 million for the bank based on its and more able to in some amount in performance in the first 10 months of the year.

The bank has provided more than P40 million for provision loss lower in October and more than P20 million in net payments. Bank provisions are set to edge out to projected net income of about P83 million before the provision and net payments.

Bank officials told its stockholders in May the PNB was expecting to realize profit of as much as P100 million this year after five straight years of losses.

In 2002, the bank posted a net loss of P1.25 billion, although this level was substantially lower than the previous year's loss.

PNB, however, is still beset by large non-performing loans and a load of related assets. PNB had losses estimated the third highest in the industry at P48.88 billion or 30 percent of total loans in the third quarter.

The bank's annual assets topped the industry's list at P27.79 billion in the third quarter, up five percent from P26 billion a year ago.

PNB officials recognized that the bank's NPL problem remained its biggest challenge. This year, the bank lost net income P2 billion worth of foreclosed assets and possibly even increased losses.

Kepeco unit to secure ECC

THE local unit of the Korea Electric Power Corp. expects to receive environmental certificates of compliance (ECC) for its proposed 130-megawatt coal-fired power plant in Palawan and finally among public opposition, a company official said.

Kepeco Philippines Corp. president Lee Geun said he is confident that the P130-million project would definitely push through because the people of Palawan really require the plant.

"They have no choice but to accept our power plant," Lee said. "Specifically, the government has already ordered us to build and they need the electricity (that we can provide)."

The official added, "Our planned power plant is more economical and environmentally friendly than using indigenous fuel."

Lee said Republic intended to proceed from the nearby limestone island off Palawan in northern Palawan to power the power plant.

"There is 1,000 miles of power generation with clean energy in operating all over the world," he said. "There are those that use the CFB (circulating fluidized bed) technology."

He also said Republic was confident that the company would secure an ECC for the project because a similar project in Pangasinan was given a permit.

In September, Republic signed a memorandum of understanding with the local government to start the construction of the power plant.

The Department of Energy had issued the project permit, saying it would have little impact on the environment due to its CFB technology.

Meanwhile, the World Wildlife Fund said it had determined that, all things considered, renewable energy options were cheaper, cleaner, and more easily sustainable than plants that use fossil fuel like coal.

A recent WWF assessment of renewable energy sources on Palawan showed that the island has a potential for the development of hydroelectric power, 600 MW of windpower and 44 MW of biomass power.

According to the group, this is more than enough potential to deal with the current 25,000 households electricity supply. Russell W. Chavagay

DTI warns public against fake freight forwarders

By Michelle N. Barua

THE DEPARTMENT of Trade and Industry has warned the public against unscrupulous freight forwarders that take advantage of overseas Filipino workers sending packages to their families here.

Trade and Industry Secretary Manuel Lopez II said people should be careful in choosing cargo and freight

forwarding agencies because there had been numerous cases in the past of lost packages or delayed deliveries, mostly because of Philippine Shippers Bureau.

The government agency said that while some lost packages were retrieved through the help of the Bureau of Customs, other complaints remained unresolved because these involved 'fly-by-night' forwarders, which authorities had a hard time capturing.

To avoid loss of packages, the trade department advised the public to make sure that they have an authorized or legitimate forwarding company.

"Filipinos abroad should not deal with individuals posing as agents for freight forwarders. The profile of the freight forwarding company as well as its legitimate Philippine counterpart must also be ascertained," said Lopez to consumers.



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Former ugly duckling is Daffy Duck's new nemesis

By Janet Sanchez, Hagapin
Lil Correspondent

LOS ANGELES—She talks as fast as the Road Runner, and it is as plain as Daffy Duck and as cheeky and witty as Bugs Bunny. Speedy Gonzalez would war to her in a marathon talking contest.

actress Jenna Elfman, whom she talks to much and, conversely, too fast. She reads fast, in grade school, a mathematics teacher taped her mouth so she would pay attention to class instead of reciting to her class.

"I'm very smart, really the best one of my life," says Elfman, who appears as the loquacious vice president of comedy film studio, in Warner Bros. "I'm not a fan of serious and dramatic comedy. I'm just Daffy Duck in human."

"I didn't wear a head gear for several years because right at my teeth were pulled out, plus I had back teeth and I was shocked like a giant dinosaur, and on my chin there was a little scar," she remembers.

The 30-year-old 5'10" tall as

soon adds that she grew an additional five inches in one year and "there's a lot of photos that prove along with that."

A three-time Emmy Award nominee and winner of a Golden Globe Award for her role in the television sitcom "Beverly Hills Cop," the bubbly and outgoing actress, who has also appeared in "No TV," "Keeping the Faith" and "Sex and the City," now has hands a lot in emphasis a prize.

The actress, changes her voice to imitate a cartoon character, laughs and giggles. There is not a full moment with her.

In a former justice and comedy past, she makes a generally from the room like a ballerina. She again makes her debut, described her as "hot, especially when she's wearing shorts." Obviously, years of training in classical ballet show up this past fall.

Looney Tunes for

"I've been watching Looney Tunes ever since I was in my pigtails," she says. "My sister (Jill) is 15 years my senior and my brother (Nick) is 11 years my senior. When they were going to watch cartoons and the like, I was left alone watching Looney Tunes cartoons. So I can truly say I grew up with Bugs, Daffy, Sylvester, Tweety, (Bugs' wife), Road Runner, Wile E. Coyote and Porky Pig."

Elfman is excited to be acting with her favorite Looney Tunes characters. She adds what she loves about the Looney Tunes characters is they are so ridiculous and funny.

"Of all the characters, her favorite is Bugs Bunny because 'he's the only one who is not a pet. He's not a mouse, he's a rabbit, and he's not a dog.'"

Robin Williams, "Bugs has edge, he's got his friends on animals, and I like something with edge," she explains.

Directed by Joe Zeff ("Grease"), "Looney Tunes Back in Action" marks the first time Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck and the



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For Filipino students abroad, homesickness is never more acute than during the holidays.

Far from home on Christmas

By Gina Permon

Small people dream about visiting abroad—being totally independent, living in an unfamiliar place, meeting all kinds of people, getting to know another culture, entering a whole new world.

Well, the dream isn't as far-fetched as you may think, with Thomson International Business School giving Filipino students the op-

portunity to earn a foreign degree in the United Kingdom, the United States, Australia, Canada or Hong Kong.

I was fortunate to get a glimpse of a foreign student's life when I hung out with Thomson students who studied in different parts in England, and even stayed in their homes (yes, their very own homes, not a dorm!). There is much to learn about these friendly and accommodating group of students who are making it on their own in the "outside" world.

Theresa Leong, Abby Salinas, Alex Jost

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THESE guys will be spending Christmas in Portsmouth.



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Just, Black, Long, Kristine, Benjamin, Daniel, Reginald and Liza Woodall were just a few of the students who took an around-the-world trip to the Philippines and back.

Long, Benjamin and Benjamin are students of Portsmouth students Long and Benjamin go to Middlesex near London. Benjamin is taking up Fine Arts at the College of Design in Chelsea. Woodall is a graduating student of Oxford Brookes.

Speaking with accent

They describe their schools, their lives in places as close (usually Chinese, as the Pinoy in their class for class), where they worked, the friends and how they feel about their trip. The trip was not only a chance to see the British accent they had acquired (they had to talk that way to be understood).

However, for family and friends it is a piece, as they find school in each other and how to live like a second family. Some students also make friends with the Pinoy community group (there is a lot of it in the United Kingdom).

But to be understood it's not how much they miss Pinoy food, from just "Mung Beans" (mung bean salad) with plain rice is enough to satisfy their Pinoy tastes.

Living through everyday life is tough enough when living abroad, but what about during the holidays? Students in some cases, even those at Christmas. While some of the students are able to come home for the Philippines for the Christmas break, some have no choice but to remain away from their loved ones.

So how do the Pinoy students celebrate Christmas in the UK? Well, they've adopted the most fun and quiet of all for the traditional English meal of turkey, minced pies, and a bit of wine.

Last year the students got together in London, this year they will gather in Portsmouth where they have their own house. How this is a different story, with some of them partying in fashionable places like Paris and Milan.

Sharing a house

While majority of the Pinoy students live in campus dorms, a number of them decided to pool their money and live together in a house. Renting a house, they found out, was too expensive then staying in dorms, and they didn't want to be separated when they had grown close. After all, all they got to each other in this foreign land.

There is also more freedom—no rules, no curfew, no restrictions whatsoever, but, it's more fun! Of course, living on your own entails paying household bills, grocery shopping, and cleaning and doing laundry with their kids. You see that hard hat they're supposed to go to the responsibility, but though the Christmas part needs to be more work.

Though it may be fun living abroad, it's all hard work, these students have found out. This isn't study in the academic sense. Most foreign students take on a job to help pay for their studies or for extra cash for traveling and shopping. The jobs range from working as clerks, housekeepers, do-it-yourself, warehouse, construction sites, in restaurants and bars.

They explain that the allowance their parents send is enough to cover basic necessities like food, shelter and textbooks but, when you're already trying to save money in the UK, you have to see the rest of it. You can't possibly go anywhere on the money by itself. During weekends and holidays, you'll find these youngsters still in London or partying abroad.

It's not easy to balance work, school and play, but to keep their priorities straight with all of the London in living away from home. But these students make their families proud of what they achieve in the academic arena and bring home a wealth of knowledge and the unique experience of studying abroad.

Back in the foreign student's life for these kids. As Theresa would say, "Cheers!"



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Her own 'Bohemian Rhapsody'

Text and photos by Pam Ponce

FORGET the ancient looms and the shiny chains. How would you like to wear a real piece of art around your neck?

Twenty-seven-year-old Ana Villaluz has already been pondering about art.

She has been painting almost her entire life. But a year ago, she got a brilliant idea. "I wanted to do something different. There are already so many paintings out there."

She started making hand-painted accessories for herself. Her attractive clips and pendants of jewel enclosures hanging from glass beads have caught the eye of a lot of people.

"My friends would say, give me money, and I would," she says, it became evident that a lot of people wanted to get their own necklaces. That's when she decided to specialize in her creations.

Just a year later, Bohemian, her line of accessories, can already be considered a success. She has participated in a lot of fairs, and



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